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Elaine K. Kaiser
Environmental Project Director
Surface Transportation Board
Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street, Northwest, Suite 534
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board ("STB")

Re: Finding of "no historic properties affected" regarding the abandonment of Indiana Rail Road Company's Skeeter line, between mileposts B1.71 and B2.68, and discontinuance of trackage rights over CSXT's lines, between Country Club Road (milepost 221.87 and ES 141+60) and Rogers Street (milepost 219.47 and ES 88+84) (AB-295 [Sub no. 5x])

Dear Ms. Kaiser:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated September 12, 2003, and received on September 22, 2003, for the above indicated project in Bloomington, Bloomington and Perry townships, Monroe County, Indiana.

We see no reason to object with the STB's September 12, 2003, finding that no historic properties within the area of potential effects will be affected by the above indicated project. However, we have noted that your identification and evaluation efforts have not been completely documented as specified in 36 C.F.R. § 800.11(d).

If you have not already done so, we recommend that you make complete documentation available to the public and all consulting parties for the above indicated project. We would welcome any additional documentation to be attached to the file. However, further coordination and comments from the Indiana SHPO will not be necessary.

If any archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In the event that artifacts or features are discovered during the implementation of the Federally assisted project, activity, or program and a plan has not been developed, it is the Federal agency's responsibility to make reasonable efforts to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.13.

If you have any questions, please call our office at (317) 232-1646. Questions about archaeological issues should be directed to Bill Mangold. Questions about historic buildings or structures pertaining to this project should be directed to Shana Kelso.

Very truly yours,

Shana Kelso

for: Jon C. Smith
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: John Broadley, John H. Broadley & Associates, P.C.